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## Mount Morris hosts inaugural fireworks display

MOUNT MORRIS, N.Y.—The Mount Morris Chamber of Commerce, various local businesses and agencies, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will sponsor an Independence Day Fireworks Extravaganza July 2 from 6 p.m. until completion at the William B. Hoyt II Visitor's Center at Mount Morris Dam.

The event will include vendors with a family-style picnic featuring chicken barbeque, beverages and desserts. There will also be children's games and more. A fireworks display is scheduled for approximately 9:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Viewing of the fireworks will be available from the Mount Morris Dam visitor's center and from the Highbanks Recreation Area on the Letchworth State Park side of the gorge. The state park charges a user fee of \$6 per vehicle for visitors arriving before 6 p.m. Seating for both sides will be on open grassy areas and is on a first come, first serve basis.

Parking on the Corps side of the dam will be along the road leading to the visitor's center and will also be first come, first serve. There will be limited handicap parking.

Personal fireworks are not allowed.

The Corps of Engineers Safety Office recommends the following to ensure an enjoyable display:

- **Don't get too close.** Sitting at least 500 feet from the fireworks provides the best view of the show.
- **Watch for the quality and brightness of the colors.** Deep blue and dazzling white are especially difficult to produce. Count the number of explosions in a shell. High-quality display shells may have multiple explosions that vary in color. There should be no lag time in a professional show. There should always be something going on for you to enjoy.
- **Resist the temptation to keep any leftover material you may find after a show.** The professionals that put on the display will clean up all materials afterwards.
- **Obey the rules.** Respect the safety barriers the pyrotechnicians have set up, and follow the directions of local fire, police and staff personnel at public displays.
- **Do not touch unexploded fireworks.**